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SUBJ: EPA ADMINISTRATOR TRAIN CALLS ON CHAIRMAN PRESIDUM OF
SUPREME SOVIET PODGORNYY

1. SUMMARY: SOVIETS ARRANGED UNSOLICITED CALL BY
EPA ADMINISTRATOR TRAIN ON PODGORNYY 11 A.M. DECEMBER 12.
PODGORNYY ACCOMPANIED BY CHAIRMAN COMMITTEE ON SCIENCE
AND TECHNOLOGY KIRILLIN AND IZRAEL, CHIEF OF HYDROMET
AND TRAIN'S OPPOSITE NUMBER. AMBASSADOR ACCOMPANIED TRAIN.
MEETING LASTED HOUR AND 45MINUTES AND WAS VERY CORDIAL
IN TONE. U.S.-SOVIET COOPERATION ON ENVIRONMENTAL PROBLEMS
WAS REVIEWED AND PROSPECTS FOR FUTURE DISCUSSED. AFTER
TRAIN MENTIONED PRESIDENT'S SATISFACTION WITH VLADIVOSTOK
MEETING AND RESULTS, PODGORNYY SAID SOVIETS SHARED THIS
SATISFACTION AND THAT BREZHNEV HAD BEEN VERY PLEASED WITH
PERSONAL RELATIONS ESTABLISHED WITH PRESIDENT AND RESULTS
OF MEETING. PODGORNYY ANTICIPATED AGREEMENT ON STRATEGIC
ARMS WOULD BE FINALIZED AT MEETING IN WASHINGTON IN 1975
AND HE LOOKED FORWARD TO CONTINUAL PROGRESS IN SUBSEQUENT
ANNUAL MEETINGS (ALTHOUGH HE DID NOT KNOW IF THERE WOULD BE
MEETING IN 1976, YEAR OF U.S. ELECTION). PODGORNYY SAID
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ALL U.S.-SOVIET AGREEMENTS WERE BEING IMPLEMENTED EXCEPT

FOR GRANTING OF MFN TO USSR; HE WAS CONFIDENT THIS WOULD OCCUR IN TIME. TRAIN RAISED WHALE CONSERVATION AND PODGORNYY SAID SOVIETS CONCUR IN VIEW THAT THIS IS PROBLEM BUT THEY WANT AGREEMENT FROM OTHER WHALING COUNTRIES (JAPAN AND NORWAY) BEFORE THEY WILL BE PREPARED TAKE RESTRICTIVE ACTION. PODGORNYY SENT HIS OWN BEST WISHES TO PRESIDENT FORD AND ASKED THAT GOOD WISHES OF BREZHNEV AND KOSYGIN ALSO BE CONVEYED. END SUMMARY.

2. PODGORNYY BEGAN BY STRESSING SOVIET INTEREST IN COOPERATION UNDER THE ENVIRONMENTAL AGREEMENT, RECALLING WITH PLEASURE THE FACT THAT HE HAD SIGNED AGREEMENT FOR SOVIET SIDE AT 1972 SUMMIT. HE REVIEWED IN GENERAL TERMS WORK ACCOMPLISHED AFTER FIRST MEETING OF JOINT COMMISSION, INVOLVING PRIMARILY ORGANIZATIONAL MATTERS, SELECTION OF SUBJECTS FOR STUDY, AND EXCHANGE OF EXPERTS. PODGORNYY STRESSED THAT SOLUTION OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROBLEMS CANNOT BE LIMITED TO OUR TWO COUNTRIES BUT THAT ALL COUNTRIES MUST PARTICIPATE.

3. RESPONDING, TRAIN NOTED HIS MEETING WITH PRESIDENT FORD PRIOR TO HIS MOSCOW TRIP. HE SAID PRESIDENT HAD DISCUSSED VLADIVOSTOK MEETING AND HAD EXPRESSED GREAT SATISFACTION REGARDING HIS TALKS WITH BREZHNEV AND RESULTS OF THEIR NEGOTIATIONS. PRESIDENT HAD RE-CONFIRMED HIS STRONG SUPPORT OF ENVIRONMENTAL AGREEMENT AND HIS CONVICTION THAT SOLUTION OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROBLEMS WOULD STRENGTHEN RELATIONS BETWEEN U.S. AND USSR AND WOULD ALSO BENEFIT OTHER COUNTRIES.

4. TRAIN AGREED THAT PERIOD SINCE SIGNING OF ENVIRONMENTAL AGREEMENT HAD BEEN USEFUL IN ORGANIZING FUTURE WORK AND HAD BEEN MARKED BY ENTHUSIASM OF PARTICIPANTS ON BOTH SIDES. AGREEMENT HAS NOW BEEN REACHED ON WORK PROGRAM FOR NEXT YEAR; TRAIN CITED ONE EXAMPLE OF JOINT WORK - PROJECT FOR FUEL GAS DESULPHURIZATION UNIT. HE ALSO SPOKE OF NEED FOR WORLD-WIDE EFFORTS TO DEAL WITH ENVIRONMENTAL PROBLEMS AND SAID THAT IT WAS IMPORTANT FOR OUR TWO COUNTRIES TO WORK TOGETHER AND TAKE A LEADING ROLE IN THIS REGARD. TRAIN ALSO MENTIONED USEFUL U.S.-CONFIDENTIAL

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SOVIET COOPERATION IN CONNECTION WITH OCEAN DUMPING CONVENTION, TRADE IN ENDANGERED SPECIES, AND CONTROL OF OCEAN POLLUTION.

5. SPEAKING OF MULTILATERAL EFFORTS, PODGORNYY NOTED THE AGREEMENT OF ALL STATES BORDERING ON BALTIC CONCERNING ENVIRONMENTAL PROBLEMS OF BALTIC SEA. HE SAID THAT PROBLEMS OF THE ENVIRONMENT ARE INTRICATE

AND ARE CONNECTED WITH ALL ASPECTS OF THE ECONOMY OF EVERY COUNTRY.

6. PODGORNYY SPOKE OF THE WHOLE SERIES OF U.S.-SOVIET AGREEMENTS SIGNED AT 1972 SUMMIT AND SINCE THEN IN VARIETY OF FIELDS. ALL HAVE CONTRIBUTED TO EFFORTS TO IMPROVE OUR RELATIONS AND TO REDUCE TENSIONS AND THE DANGER OF MILITARY CONFRONTATION. WITH ONE EXCEPTION, ALL AGREEMENTS HAVE BEEN IMPLEMENTED. EXCEPTION, OF COURSE, RELATES TO GRANTING OF MFN TO SOVIET UNION. HOWEVER, PODGORNYY THOUGHT THIS MATTER WOULD BE SOLVED IN TIME AS MEMBERS OF U.S. CONGRESS CAME TO REALIZE THAT PROBLEMS OF DETENTE AND COOPERATION ARE ALSO CONNECTED WITH TRADE.

7. WITH REGARD TO VLADIVOSTOK MEETING, PODGORNYY SAID SOVIETS ARE ALSO PLEASED AND SATISFIED WITH RESULTS OF MEETING AND WARM, FRIENDLY RELATIONS ESTABLISHED BETWEEN BREZHNEV AND PRESIDENT FORD. HE EXPECTED AGREEMENT ON STRATEGIC ARMS WOULD BE FINALIZED WHEN THE TWO LEADERS MEET IN WASHINGTON NEXT YEAR. HE WAS SURE THAT SUBSEQUENT MEETINGS IN FUTURE YEARS WOULD BRING FURTHER PROGRESS IN THE MOST IMPORTANT FIELD, THAT OF ARMS LIMITATION, AS WELL AS IN OTHER AREAS (PODGORNYY REMARKED WITH A SMILE THAT HE DID NOT KNOW IF MEETING WOULD TAKE PLACE IN 1976 SINCE THIS WOULD BE ELECTION YEAR IN U.S.).

8. PODGORNYY STRESSED THE ATTENTION GIVEN TO ENVIRONMENTAL MATTERS IN THE SOVIET UNION AND SAID THE PLAN AND BUDGET FOR 1975 WOULD REFLECT THIS. HE NOTED THAT ALL COUNTRIES HAVE PROBLEMS, INCLUDING THE SOVIET UNION. IN THE UNITED STATES HE KNEW WE WERE CONCERNED WITH INFLATION, STRATEGIC ARMS, TRADE, BUT HE HOPED

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PROBLEMS OF THE ENVIRONMENT WOULD BE GIVEN EQUAL ATTENTION.

9. PODGORNYY NOTED HE HAD NOT YET MET PRESIDENT FORD BUT WAS CONFIDENT HE WOULD DO SO IN FUTURE. HE ASKED TRAIN TO CONVEY HIS WARM REGARDS, GREETINGS AND BEST WISHES TO THE PRESIDENT IN THE GREAT TASK HE HAS UNDERTAKEN. HE ALSO TRANSMITTED THE BEST WISHES OF BREZHNEV AND KOSYGIN TO THE PRESIDENT.

10. TRAIN EXPRESSED APPRECIATION AND SAID HE WOULD PASS ON THESE GREETINGS. HE THEN RAISED QUESTION OF PROTECTION OF WHALES. WHILE HE REALIZED THIS WAS MATTER OF MORE DIRECT CONCERN TO JAPAN, HE THOUGHT THAT SOVIETS MIGHT TAKE THE INITIATIVE IN SETTING AN EXAMPLE

FOR OTHER COUNTRIES BY RESTRICTING THE HUNTING OF WHALES OR ESTABLISHING A MORATORIUM.

11. PODGORNYY SAID THIS MIGHT BE DONE BUT HE NOTED THAT IT WAS VERY DIFFICULT TO PERSUADE JAPAN AND NORWAY OF THE NEED TO IMPOSE RESTRICTIONS OR A MORATORIUM ON WHALE HUNTING. HE SAID THE SOVIETS FAVORED SUCH ACTION TO THE EXTENT THAT ALL OTHER COUNTRIES WERE WILLING TO TAKE SIMILAR MEASURES. IN THIS CONNECTION, PODGORNYY RECALLED SUCCESSFUL MEASURES TAKEN BY SOVIETS TO PRESERVE DOLPHINS IN BLACK SEA.

12. TRAIN ALSO SPOKE FAVORABLY OF U.S.-SOVIET COOPERATION IN BANDING MIGRATORY WATERFOWL AND SAID HE HOPED A CONVENTION COULD BE WORKED OUT IN THIS FIELD IN 1975.

13. THE MEETING TERMINATED AT 12:45 P.M. PODGORNYY LOOKED FIT AND ENERGETIC AND DISPLAYED APPARENTLY GENUINE INTEREST IN ENVIRONMENTAL QUESTIONS. STOESEL

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